

Minutes for the Annual Friends of the Arlington Public Library Board Meeting
June 5, 2014
Central Library Auditorium

I. Call to Order: 6:33 P.M.

1. Kit Ballenger, the President of the Friends of the Arlington Public Library, welcomed the Friends and Board Members to the Annual Meeting. She noted that she has been President for the past three years and her term is now coming to a close.
2. In her remarks, Kit explained how the Friends exist to support the Arlington Public Library and that they are a non-profit organization. The money that is raised is used for the library. The Friends provide the programming money for the library and they are responsible for funding the summer reading program. Membership in the Friends is a way of directly contributing to the library.
3. Kit highlighted the many accomplishments of the Board over this past year. She mentioned the two successful Book Sales. She noted that the Friends currently have almost 1,000 Members. She discussed how the Friends support the PuzzleFest, the Teen Advisory Board, and Arlington Reads. She described how the Friends' have a new website that offers PayPal for membership renewal and for events such as the Arlington Library ball. In addition to supporting the Summer Reading Program, the Friends also make a donation on behalf of the summer reading participants to a local, national, or international cause. This year the Friends are working with the American Library Association, which has established a Philippines Library Relief Fund, to help rebuild the libraries in the Philippines that were damaged by the 2013 Typhoon.
4. Kit thanked departing Board Members Nadine Berg and longtime member Gary Gortenburg for their service.
5. Kit welcomed the Treasurer, Eva Griffeth, to give an updated financial report for the Friends. Eva noted how the revenue from the book sales has increased this year. She especially thanked and recognized the outstanding leadership provided by Barbara Goldstein in managing these very successful book sales. She also mentioned how dependent we are on the many volunteers. Eva discussed the 5% increase in Membership and the 97% increase in unrestricted donations. As a result of the unrestricted donations and the book sales there has been a 27% increase in income. Eva concluded by noting that the total overhead for the Friends is just 15%.
6. Kit then extended a welcome to anyone who might want to join the Friends or volunteer.
7. The proposed incoming slate of nominees to serve as officers for 2014/2015 was announced and introduced. The list of candidates included: President – Kimberly Reinhard, Vice President - Barbara Goldstein, Treasurer – Eva Griffeth, and Secretary – Nada Sulaiman. The meeting was opened for discussion about the candidates. Gary Gortenburg then offered a motion to

adopt the proposed slate of candidates and Susan Glaize seconded it. All present voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

II. Rachel Wood, the Materials Management Division Chief for Arlington Library, then thanked the Friends on behalf of the library and Diane Kresh for their support of the library. She especially thanked Kit for her years of service as President of the Friends.

III. Discussion with Brigid Schulte, the author of Overwhelmed: Work, Love, and Play When No One Has the Time.